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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ACTING UNDER SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY, SUHA SOMER, HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT GOT WILL NOT ACCEPT USG PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN USG AND GOT IN IDENTIFYING OPTIONAL ENERGY STRATEGIES FOR TURKEY. GOT APPEARS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT OUR ASSURANCE THAT PROJECT WOULD BUILD ON, NOT DUPLICATE, EXTENSIVE WORK ALREADY DONE OR SPONSORED BY GOT. TURKS BELIEVE THAT PROJECT WOULD NOT PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO SOLVE TURKEY'S PRESSING ENERGY PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, GOT SAYS IT REMAINS OPEN TO ANY NEW PROPOSALS WE MIGHT CHOOSE TO MAKE. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER COURTESY OPENING, LETTER READS:
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WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, IN THE PARTICULAR FIELD OF ENERGY STRATEGIES, WE HAVE ALREADY SET UP COOPERATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY-OECD. COOPERATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL FOR A SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF ENERGY

STRATEGIES FOR TURKEY WOULD NOT SERVE OUR PURPOSE OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE OUR PRESENT DAY ENERGY REQUIREMENTS IN A SPEEDY MANNER. PREVIOUS DETAILED WORKS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD BY OUR EXPERT IN MY MINISTRY AND IN THE STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF THE PRIME MINISTRY. DETAILED UPDATED INFORMATION IS NOW BEING COMPILED CONCERNING TURKEY'S ENERGY RESOURCES AND ON A SUPPLY-AND-DEMAND ANALYSIS THAT WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND IT IS ALMOST DONE BY OUR EXPERTS.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT SYNOPSIS THAT YOU HAVE SO KINDLY ENCLOSED WITH YOUR LETTER, GIVES US A DETAILED PICTURE OF WHAT IS INVOLVED IN YOUR PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, SUCH DETAILED STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE PAST BY OUR EXPERTS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FORMULATING ENERGY STRATEGIES AND HAVE PLAYED A CONSIDERABLY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ENERGY STRATEGIES.

IN FACT, ALL SOPHISTICATED MODELS AND ALSO SIMPLE MODELS' RESULTS ARE ALMOST SAME AND ACCEPTED BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT ENERGY POLICY SHOULD BE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES TO RESTRAIN THE GROWING DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. THE HYDRO-POWER POTENTIAL AND LIGNITE RESERVES COULD COVER POWER GENERATION NEEDS UNTIL 1990. AFTER 1990, POWER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED TO RELY HEAVILY ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. THE FIRST NUCLEAR POWERED PLANT IS PLANNED FOR 1985.

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WE ARE, HOWEVER, ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY NEW PROPOSALS IN THIS FIELD, AND ABOVE ALL, WE CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD, AS WELL AS IN OTHER FIELDS, TO BE OF UTMOST SIGNIFICANCE TO US IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT

3. COMMENT: NOTABLY WARM AND FRIENDLY WORDING OF LETTER SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT ONE FOR SOMER TO WRITE. HE HAD RECENTLY INDICATED TO STATE AND DOE OFFICIALS STRONG INTEREST IN US PROPOSAL AND HAD STATED HIS EXPECTATION THAT GOT WOULD ACCEPT IT (SEE REFTEL A). WE DO NOT KNOW WHY TURKS TURNED DOWN OFFER BEYOND REASONS STATED IN LETTER. DECISION PRESUMABLY WAS MADE BY ENERGY MINISTER DENIZ BAYKAL, WHO DID NOT DISPLAY PARTICULAR ENTHUSIASM WHEN AMBASSADOR MET WITH HIM ON JANUARY 31 TO MAKE INITIAL PROPOSAL (SEE REFTEL B).

4. UNLESS ENERGY PROGRAM CAN BE TAILORED TO POINT TO WAYS IN WHICH TURKEY CAN OBTAIN SOME RELIEF IN SHORT-TERM FROM ITS ENERGY SHORTAGE, EMBASSY MUST CONCLUDE WITH DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT TURKISH DECISION.

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